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LADYSMITH, WI – Seventh District Congressman Dave Obey (D-WI) was in Ladysmith today to be briefed on how the Indianhead Community Action Agency (ICAA) plans to use \$450,000 in federal funding obtained by Obey.

ICAA requested assistance to initiate a revolving loan system to develop micro-businesses that will manufacture and install passive solar devices on the homes of qualifying low-income families participating in ICAA's Weatherization Program.

"The advantage of this project is two-fold," Obey said. "First of all, it creates news jobs and boosts local businesses providing the supplies and materials. And secondly, the project will provide solar heating augmentation to reduce energy consumption and lessen the financial strain on numerous families here in Rusk County."

Founded in 1966, ICAA is a non-profit organization serving northwest Wisconsin. The ongoing mission of Indianhead Community Action Agency is to secure all available resources, local, state, private and federal to enable low-income and disadvantaged persons of all ages in rural areas to attain the skills; knowledge and motivation that are needed to become self-sufficient.

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